



THE TORCH

Hello Wards Creek Family! A special shout out to all those great Warrior Moms. You deserve a relaxing Mother's Day. Hopefully you are being spoiled in some fashion.

Recently, our Torch News team competed in the Jim Harbin State Media Festival. This is a competition which showcases students' abilities to create quality video productions across the state of Florida. We had individual student entries, as well as our team entry. The winners of the district competition are Mikaela Shreves for her entry titled "Family Bake" and Bishop Davila for his entry "A Little Bit of Kindness Never Hurt". Our Torch News team entry won the district competition for the news show category for the second consecutive year. These entries will now go on to compete in a regional competition. Congratulations, Torch News!

We are beginning to build classes for next school year. Please complete the parent survey for your input into the placement decision. The link will remain open until May 18th.
<https://surveys.stjohns.k12.fl.us/TakeSurvey.aspx?SurveyID=p2L0lpl1>

To celebrate being a Warrior, we are going to have our 2nd Virtual Spirit Week. We would like to turn each day into an opportunity to show your Warrior pride. Share your pictures on our PTO Facebook page or the Warriors Community Schoology page. The list is attached and also on page 2 of this week's TORCH.

The Summer Marine Science Program has extended the application process and waived the late fee, as we still have open sessions available. Calling all current fifth through seventh graders who love to be outdoors, Applications can still be downloaded at any time from the website at <http://www-grms.stjohns.k12.fl.us/marinescience/> The link also will have a complete day by day curriculum for each grade level, parent information, new refund policy and a video from last year's program. Return the completed the online pre application and email the student essay to marinescienceprogram@stjohns.k12.fl.us. We will take care of the rest. Once accepted, a final application will be emailed to complete and make a deposit payment. We have three sessions that run Monday-Thursday: June 1-11, June 15-25 and June 29-July 9. Small classes of 12-14 students are separated by grade level. All instructors in the program are St. Johns County School District teachers.

Message from PTO:

We normally would have one more PTO meeting this year to finalize the PTO Board for next school year, but you know how that story goes.... SO in order to meet the guidelines in our bylaws, we still need a vote to approve the 2020-2021 board.
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/MQ6Y387>
Would you take a second to give a yay/nay for next year's board? Please only vote if you're an active PTO member. It will only take a minute and we very much appreciate it!

Registration is now open for next year's Extended Day program. <https://www-wce.stjohns.k12.fl.us/extendedday/>. The \$80 registration fee is reduced to \$50 if paid on or before June 1, 2020. Attached is a letter from the coordinator. You can reach her at Virginia.Hooks@stjohns.k12.fl.us if you have any questions.

Attention 5th grade parents: It's time to call for those baby pictures! It is a WCES tradition to put together a "then and now" slide show of our 5th graders. Please help us celebrate your students by sending in your "then" picture. The "now" picture will be their yearbook picture taken earlier this year. Below are the requirements for the picture submission. Thank you for helping us celebrate your children.

- One picture per student submitted-baby, toddler, or kindergarten-age photos are encouraged
- Pictures must be submitted by Friday May 15th
- A "JPEG" file must be sent via email to wcesgrad@gmail.com
- Subject line of the email **MUST** read: Last Name, First Name (Student)
- Picture should be a high resolution photo (1MB preferred).

The District has begun sending out the annual Returning Student Verification Forms (snapcodes) This process may take a week due to the size of our school district. Please note that you may receive your children's snapcodes on different dates, depending on student grade level and the school each child attends. It is important that all parent/guardians complete these forms.

Yearbooks are scheduled to arrive the week of May 18th. We will send out communication at that time for pick up.

The new Sunshine State books for next school year have been announced. These books are new releases so it may take a little while for the public library and the bookstores to have them in stock, but be patient and keep checking. There is a wide variety for every reader. The link to find them is <https://www.floridamediaed.org/> Check them out. Happy reading!

District-wide registration for the 2020-2021 school year is open for NEW STUDENTS. If you have a rising Kindergartener, please click the Pre-Register My Student For 2020-2021 button on our school registration page and complete an online registration form for your child. Please encourage all families to register early. Our teacher allocations are based upon how many students are registered.

VIRTUAL SPIRIT WEEK

Monday **Dress Your best!**
Post a picture of you wearing your best outfit!

Tuesday **Crazy Hat or Hair!**
Post a picture of you wearing your craziest hat or hair!

Wednesday **Dress like an old person**
Post a picture of you wearing your best grandma or grandpa outfit

Thursday **Sports Mania!**
Post a picture of you wearing your favorite sports gear!

Friday **Beach Bum!**
Post a picture of you wearing your appropriate beach attire!